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Elementary Education Committee.

* 606 *Q.*—SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Committee to go into the question of elementary education as assured on the floor of the Assembly has been constituted;

(*b*) if so, when;

(*c*) the names of the members of the Committee; and

(*d*) the terms of reference to the Committee?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM:—" (*a*) *to* (*d*) A copy[a] of G.O. Ms. No. 1714, Education, dated 4th December 1954, constituting a Committee for reform of elementary education is placed on the table of the House.

" The same answer applies to all the other questions, namely, question Nos. 607, 608 and 609."

* 607 *Q.*—SRI N. K. PALANISAMY: Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether this Government have appointed a Committee to re-introduce the old elementary school syllabus in the State; and

(*b*) if so, who the members of the Committee are?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM:—" (*a*) & (*b*) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the answer given to Legislative Assembly Question No. 606 (starred) put by Sri T. C. Narayanan Nambiar."

* 608 *Q.*—SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP: Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state when the Government propose to appoint a Committee to consider the reorganization of elementary education?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM:—" The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the answer given to Legislative Assembly Question No. 606 (starred) put by Sri T. C. Narayanan Nambiar."

* 609 *Q.*—SRI A. RATNAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there is any scheme to replace the present system of education; and

(*b*) whether any Committee will be appointed to go into the question?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM:—" (*a*) & (*b*) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the answer given to the Legislative Assembly Question No. 606 (starred) put by Sri T. C. Narayanan Nambiar."

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[a] **Printed as Appendix on pages 243–244 infra.**

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. SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" Why was it that no representative of the Teacher's Organizations was included in the Committee and why power to co-opt members has been given to the Committee? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" There were too many Teachers' Organizations and some with political affiliations also. So we thought it would be better to leave it to the Committee whenever they go to particular regions to co-opt members from that region and get advantage of having them on the Committee."

DR. K. B. MENON :—" Have the Government co-opted any Member on the Committee? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Government do not co-opt Members to the Committee. The Committee is given that power. It will co-opt members from particular districts whenever they go there."

SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" The Hon Minister was saying that there are so many Teachers' Organizations with affiliations to political organizations. So far as Malabar is concerned, there is only one Teachers' Organization, a united organization without any particular affiliation to any particular political party. That being so, why is it that no representative from the Malabar Teachers' Organization is taken on the Committee? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" The Committee will take all these into consideration when they visit Malabar, Sir."

SRI S. SWAYAMPRAKASAM :—" It was said that the Committee has been given powers to co-opt members whenever necessary. Have the Government given any instructions to the Committee regarding the basis on which they should co-opt members? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" No, Sir. We have not issued any instructions or directions in that regard."

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" The terms of reference according to the Government orders show that the Committee is entitled to go into the question of the elementary education policy of the Government. Are we to understand that the Government have not yet decided what should be their basic policy on elementary education? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" No, Sir, we have not taken a final decision with regard to the pattern of elementary education apart from the basic education scheme."

SRI A. GOVINDASWAMI NAYAGAR :—" கனம் சபாநாயகர் அவர்களே, இந்தக் கமிட்டியார் இப்பொழுது பல கேள்விகளைக் கேட்டு வருகிறார்கள். அவர்கள் கேட்கிற கேள்விகளைப் பார்த்தால் புது கல்வி திட்டம் வந்து விடுமோ என்று தோன்றுகிறது. அதாவது இறந்த பிறகு குழந்தையை எடுத்து போஸ்ட் மார்ட்டம் செய்வது போல் இருக்கிறது. பழைய கேள்விகளையே கேட்டு வருகிறார்கள். அதாவது தொழில் கல்வி

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அவசியமா, ஷிப்ட் முறை அவசியமா என்றெல்லாம் கேட்டு வருகிறார்கள். அதனால் பழைய கல்வி முறையையே மீண்டும் கொண்டுவர அரசாங்கம் அவர்களுக்கு ரகசியமாக ஏதாகிலும் உத்தரவு அனுப்பி இருக்கிறார்களா என்பதைக் கேட்க விரும்புகிறேன்."

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" The Committee has been appointed and the terms of reference has also been formulated. No further directions have been given to the Committee."

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" Sir, it has long been reiterated, even at the Congress Session at Avadi, that the education policy of all State Governments in India is the basic education pattern. I do not know what else the Hon. Minister means when he says that the Government have accepted only the basic education policy?"

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" The conversion of all ordinary schools into basic education schools is likely to take some time. What to do during the transition period is the thing that is being considered by the Committee."

Supersession of the Balusseri Producers'-cum-Consumers' Co-operative Society, Limited, North Malabar.

* 610 Q.—SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Balusseri Producers-*cum*-Consumers' Co-operative Society, Limited, North Malabar, has been superseded by the Government; and

(b) if so, for what reasons?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (a) No, Sir.

" (b) Does not arise."

Digging of wells in cheris in the Coimbatore district.

* 611 Q.—SRI P. G. MANICKAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state—

(a) how many new wells have been dug in cheris where there were no wells, in the Coimbatore district in 1954; and

(b) how many wells have been deepened so far in 1954 in cheries, where further deepening was necessary for the existing wells, in the same district?

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" (a) 56.

" (b) 29."

SRI P. G. MANICKAM :—" ஹரிஜனங்களுடைய குடி தண்ணீர் பஞ்சத்தை போக்குவதற்கு சர்க்கார் அநேக நடவடிக்கைகளை எடுத்து வருவதற்கு நான் நன்றி செலுத்துகிறேன். இருந்தாலும் ஒருவித இரண்டு வருஷ திட்டத்தை ஏற்படுத்தி விசேஷமாக எல்லா ஹரிஜனங்களுக்கும் குடி தண்ணீர் கிடைப்பதற்கு சர்க்கார் முயற்சி எடுப்பார்களா என்பதை அறிய விரும்புகிறேன்."